

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1312-L)**

PATENT

In application of:)	
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Kopreski)	Before the Examiner:
)	F. Lu
Serial No. 10/684,633)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: October 14, 2003)	
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For: Detection of Tumor RNA in Plasma or Serum)	

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time for reply to the Official Action mailed January 28, 2008. A response will, therefore, be due on July 28, 2008.

The signature of the undersigned authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to debit Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of the required fee.

Respectfully submitted,
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